Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the word 'lady' sounds better than the word 'woman' and is more respectable?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH :—" A lady remains a lady whatever her official designation may be."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" May I know whether the sex of the officer can be entirely omitted?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH :—" It is necessary to retain it for administrative convenience."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the Government reconsider the question of restoring the lady to her sex?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH :—" As there is no category of 'gentlemen assistant surgeons,' it is not necessary to have one of 'lady assistant surgeons'."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" Is not the word 'lady' retained in the designation of officers in some departments of Government?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH :—" I think that in the Educational Department also they are called 'women'."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" Are they called 'ladies' or 'women'?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH :—" They are called 'women'."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the term 'man' precedes the designation of a male officer?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH :—" Yes; there is a 'men's branch' in some of the services."

Change of designation of 'Lady Apothecary' and 'Lady Assistant Surgeon.'

* 513 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the designations 'Lady Apothecary' and 'Lady Assistant Surgeon' have been changed into 'woman apothecary' and 'woman assistant surgeon'; if so, the reasons for this change; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the diploma obtained by lady apothecaries is styled as 'Lady Apothecary' examination?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 512.

(b) No.

Countersignature of medical certificates issued to non-gazetted Government servants.

* 514 Q.—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any order directing the discontinuance of the practice under which medical certificates granted to a non-gazetted Government servant in superior service by a registered medical practitioner, recommending the grant of leave or extension of leave, were sent to District Medical Officers for countersignature;